State Employees Provident Fund Office in Raipur

†195. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up State Employees Provident Fund Office and dsitrict-wise sub-area offices in the Raipur area of Chhattisgarh:

(b) if so, by when these are likely to start functioning;

(c) whether Government have made any proper arrangements in this direction; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) to (d) A Sub Regional Office of the Employees Provident Fund is already functioning at Raipur in the State of Chhattisgarh. In addition, a P.F. Office is also located in Bilaspur District. The existing office arrangement made by the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation for the E.P.F. Subscribers in Chhattisgarh is considered adequate.

Implementation of Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Act

196. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Act, 1996 and the Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Cess Act, 1996 have not yet been implemented;

(b) whether Government have any specific proposal to convene the meeting of all State Labour Ministers for this purpose; and

(c) whether it is a fact that all recognised Central Trade Unions have proper representation in the Committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) The Building and Other Construction Workers (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1996 (Main Act) and the Building and Other

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Construction Workers' Welfare Cess Act, 1996 are under various stages of implementation by the State Governments. The Central Rules in this regard have been notified and the Central Government as 'appropriate Government' has notified various authorities under the Main Act. As labour is a concurrent subject, the State Governments are required to frame their own rules and notify their own authorities for implementation of the provisions of the Act in the State sphere. These actions are being taken up by the State Governments and the matter is being followed up.

(b) No. Sir.

(c) No. Sir. As there are limited number of seats in the Central Advisory Committee, it has not been found possible to accommodate all recognised Central Trade Unions.

Appointment in Instrumentalities under Government control

197. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the mechanism developed by Government to ensure that the procedure prescribed for appointment to the posts analogous to Joint Secretary and above in Government of India is adhered to in Instrumentalities under Government's control?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING, DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS OF PENSIONERS WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS, (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): Appointment to posts analogous to Joint Secretary and above in instrumentalities is governed by the rules or procedures framed in this regard by the competent authority in accordance with the provisions of the statute or charter of their constitution. Unless specifically exempted, appointment in instrumentalities to posts at the level of Joint Secretary and above is considered and approved by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet in accordance with the procedure set out in this regard. While approving such appointments, the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet ensures that the prescribed procedure had been followed in the proposed appointment.